



SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 7, 1901.

THESE MAY be very prosperous times, with some people but much raceability is observable all along the line. In public, as well as in private position, places of responsibility and of pleasant employment, filled, as it would appear with the most trusted of employees and officers, betrayal of confidence is of daily occurrence. The press in the last week chronicled the removal of the city treasurer of Buffalo for the misuse and misappropriation of public funds amounting to nearly \$50,000, although restitution was made. The treasurer of Louisville last week committed suicide after the detection of a shortage of \$50,000. In our State, in Richmond city for the third time since 1870, a defalcation was discovered in the accounts of the city gas works, following the flight of the bookkeeper or clerk. On Monday last the First National Bank of Ballston, N. Y., was closed by order of the directors upon the discovery of a defalcation of \$100,000 by the teller. Each of these persons wanted to "get rich in a day"—the pool room, the card table, and the race track added to high living being their roads to ruin, family, friends and reputation being as nothing to gold and gold. Yet the world is not all alike, and where one is tempted and falls, to others there is no such thing as temptation. The public official and trusted employee who walks with head erect, owing no man anything but his good opinion, can be happy in the most humble abode. But the first wrong step is the fatal one; it is followed by the second; all the rest come easy and the man is cast upon the shores of disgrace where he is wrecked.

Honor or shame from no condition rise—
Set well your part there, all the honor lies.
The other thing the fellow.

THE REPORT of the Isthmian canal commission sent to Congress a few days ago, as anticipated, favors the Nicaragua route and makes an estimate of \$189,864,062 as the total cost of construction of the canal through Nicaragua. The estimated cost of the Panama route is \$143,238,358. The commission values the work done at \$40,000,000. The report says the Panama route is feasible as a sea level canal, while the Nicaragua route must be by locks. The Nicaragua route has no natural harbors at either end, but harbors may be constructed. Harbors already exist at each end of the Panama route. And despite these statements the commissioners recommend the longer and more expensive route. The construction of the canal will be one of the most open and gigantic steals in the history of the country and already the government has paid out one million dollars to defray the expenses of the commissioners who made such a report. But the American people like to be humbugged.

THE ILL effects that the long session of the constitutional convention is having are made apparent every day, but so far there seems to be no end of the session in sight; indeed one of the members said a few days since that from present appearances the convention might continue for twenty years. During the summer cases in county courts all over the State were continued on account of the attorneys being in Richmond in some way or other connected with the convention; the same was true in the circuit courts; yesterday the Court of Appeals adjourned for the same reason and now the legislature is considerably hampered by the convention being in session and using the hall of the House of Delegates. It seems that everything must give way to the convention but so far the convention has done little for the good of the State.

PROMINENT democrats in both houses of Congress say that Senator Bailey, of Texas, was not talking at random or making a suggestion when he said in New York last week that Mr. Arthur P. Gorman would be the next democratic candidate for President. Mr. Gorman is expected to return to the Senate on March 4, 1903, and he will at once be recognized as the minority leader of that body, and by a great many influential democrats as party leader in the country. There is a well-defined movement among Senators and Congressmen to accept Mr. Gorman as leader at once and promote his plan to be the party candidate for President in 1904. Senator Bailey, Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, and Representative Bankhead, of Alabama, are in charge of the Gorman boom and they have legions of democrats in all parts of the country at their backs.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in his message to Congress truly said: "Men who seek gains not by genuine work with head or hand, but by gambling in any form, are always a source of menace not only to themselves but to others." And the number of menaces is increasing daily, for it seems that most people now are averse to work and seek gain by any other method.

IN HIS annual report Gen. Chaffee asks that the American forces in the Philippines be not reduced before January, 1903. He says that to the physical character of the country, to the nature of the warfare of the natives, to the humanity of the troops, which is taken advantage of by the natives, and to the fear of assassination on the part of the friendly disposed if they give information to the American forces is due the prolongation of the guerrilla warfare. From time to time the American people are told that "next year" will see the end of the expensive Filipino war, but the next year, like the Spanish "Manana," never comes.

MRS. ROOSEVELT has returned to the White House from a visit to New York where she went to do her Christmas shopping. People in this city and vicinity who think Washington is next to heaven cannot understand why people have to go away from that city for anything. But there are others.

FROM WASHINGTON.
(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, December 7.

Henry Knight, William Green and James Edwards were picked up early this morning by the police. Their hands and feet were severely frostbitten and they were nearly famished. Knight is asking for aid to reach his home in Richmond, says he and his companions on October 4 shipped as helpers on the oyster dredge James A. Hooper. They were to be paid for their services, in addition to being sent back to Baltimore, the starting point. Instead, he charges that they were forced to work 20 hours a day, were ill treated, poorly fed, and finally put ashore at St. Mary's, Md., in a destitute condition. The authorities will investigate the case.

The first measure passed by the present Congress to receive President Roosevelt's allowing articles from foreign countries free entrance to the country for exhibition at the Charleston Exposition. It was signed by the President last evening.

A meeting of the board of Trustees of the McKinley National Memorial Association, the purpose of which is the erection of a suitable memorial, by public subscription, to the late President, at Canton, Ohio, was held today at the Arlington Hotel, Judge Wm. R. Day of Canton, ex-Secretary of State, presiding. Among those in attendance were Senator Hanna, Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, Senator Fairbanks, Cornelius N. Bliss, John G. Milburn, ex-Governor Francis of St. Louis, and H. C. Payne. A discordant tone was struck by the reading of a letter from Governor McSwain, of North Carolina, who declined to promote the enterprise by assisting in the organization of his State. He gave no reason for his decision. The replies from other governors of southern States were uniformly hearty. The trustees decided to issue a souvenir receipt, which will be given to all who contribute. It was also decided to issue a new statement, disavowing connection with any of the other McKinley memorial projects which have been launched.

Ex-Representative Richmond Pearson, of Asheville, N. C., was today offered the consulship at Genoa, Italy. Mr. Pearson has been an applicant for a higher place in the diplomatic service but will probably take the position tendered.

Since Gov. Smith, of Maryland, announced that should Senator Wellington resign or be forced from his seat he would appoint Mr. Gorman to succeed him, the republican Senators who have been carrying around resolutions calling for Mr. Wellington's resignation have dropped the matter. Mr. Gorman would be of more service to the democratic minority than any other man who could be mentioned and the republicans, appreciating this fact, will let Mr. Wellington alone.

Intimate friends of Secretary Gage deny that there is any friction between him and the President. Mr. Gage was proposed to resign during the life of Mr. McKinley, as he felt that he could no longer neglect his own business affairs for those of the nation, but the death of the President changed his plans. At Mr. Roosevelt's request he continued to remain in the Cabinet for a time longer, but it is not probable that he will retire within three or four months, though his relations with the President are of the most pleasant character.

In the House yesterday Mr. Rixey introduced a bill for the relief of the estate of Robert Brockett.

Senator Sewell, of New Jersey, passed through the city this morning, on his way home from North Carolina, accompanied by his family. They occupied a private car. There was no change in the Senator's condition. They arrived here at 9:45 and departed at 10:10 a. m.

Adrian C. Pickard, aged 32 years, and giving his home as Plainfield, N. J., was picked up at noon today by a local detective in front of the St. James Hotel. Pickard has been conducting a one-sided correspondence with President Roosevelt, in which frequent appeals for loans found a basis in the claim that he was a relative of the chief executive. His sanity will be examined into.

THE Lynchburg Council has adopted an ordinance prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks.

Information from the bedside of Judge R. W. Hughes, retired, who is exceedingly ill at his country home near Abington, states that he is worse. He is eighty-one years old, and it is feared cannot recover.

Quite a sensation was caused in Richmond yesterday morning by the appearance in the mid heavens of a very brilliant rainbow. The phenomenon was so unusual that it attracted the widest attention.

Chief Vellines of the Norfolk police said last night that he has indisputable evidence that Miss Ella Cropey, whose disappearance from her home in Elizabeth City, N. C., caused such a stir, left home voluntarily, and is alive and well.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The two houses of the General Assembly met in joint session in the House of Delegates yesterday to canvass the vote for governor and lieutenant-governor as provided by law. C. Harding Walker was appointed on behalf of the Senate as teller, and Col. G. C. Cabell on behalf of the House. The vote resulted as follows: For governor, Montague, democrat, 116,682; Hoge, republican, 81,865. For lieutenant-governor, Willard, democrat, 115,801; Dickinson, republican, 73,832. Mr. Rucker, the prohibition candidate for governor, received 1,896 votes.

The Senate and House both passed a resolution to provide for a committee to make a report to an early adjournment. Both houses adjourned until Monday.

A bill was introduced by Col. Anderson, of Richmond, providing that \$500 be paid to George B. Kezel, Dr. George W. Leato and Capt. W. A. Curtis, members of the Board of Fisheries, in recognition of their services in inaugurating the system, which has created a large revenue to the State.

Mr. Opie offered a bill to amend the existing law in relation to the preservation of order at the polls. It simply provides for the punishment of persons who combine to prevent the holding of an election in any precinct.

Mr. Anderson introduced a bill amending the law with regard to the salaries of the president of the Senate and Speaker of the House, the sum of \$50 a week while the Legislature is actually in session, until the Session be terminated by the constitutional limitation.

HOUSE.

The following bills were introduced in the house:

To amend section 3179, of the code of Virginia, in relation to holidays in clerk's offices.

To amend an act in relation to the State board of embalmers.

To amend an act in relation to qualifications for persons holding office in the United States government.

By Mr. Catton.—To provide for the incorporation of associations or societies for charitable and benevolent purposes, and for the care, custody, and maintenance of and for the prevention of cruelty to children.

By Mr. Catton.—To provide places of abode and for the safe custody of children who are malicious and depraved.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The constitutional convention, with 82 members present, yesterday, resumed consideration of the judiciary report in the committee of the whole. Mr. Pollard spoke in favor of his amendment that judges be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The measure created a long discussion, and finally, by a vote of 40 to 27, was passed by until next Wednesday. Mr. R. W. Moore gave notice that he would support the amendment on that day in a speech. Section 8, relating to officers of the Supreme Court, and section 7, requiring the court to hold sessions at two or more places in the State, were adopted without amendment.

Then the division of the State into 24 circuits was taken up. Judge Portlock urged that the first circuit consist of the county of Norfolk only, and was addressing the issue when Dr. Dunaway asked for the floor long enough to make an amendment, providing for 30 circuits in the State, and thus referring the matter to the judiciary committee again.

He thought if six more circuits were added the general plan would be satisfactory to all. Dr. Dunaway also urged the necessity of monthly courts.

Mr. McIlwaine characterized Dr. Dunaway's proposition as a remarkable one. He said the committee had agreed unanimously on the report, and urged its adoption. Judge Portlock, continuing, agreed to the amendment for thirty circuits. Mr. Walker opposed referring the matter back to the committee. Mr. Withers strongly opposed the amendment.

The committee on Corporations yesterday afternoon adopted a resolution providing for a corporation commission, to consist of three members, to take the place of the present railroad commissioners. They are to be elected by the people for a term of six years. Subsequent legislation will define their duties. The same committee adopted a resolution prohibiting the issuing of passes to members of the legislature, state, county or municipal officers. The restrictions are very severe on the officer who receives a pass from a railway company, as he will forfeit his office and be subjected to other penalties.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.—Miss Jane Toppin, of Lowell, Mass., stood up in the Supreme Court room yesterday afternoon and heard the grand jury's indictment charging her with the murder of three persons whom she had been engaged to nurse back to health, but who had died under her charge and, according to the indictment, by her hand. The indictments, and there are three, one charging her with the death of Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, a second with the death of A. P. Davis, both of Chicago, and the third with that of Mrs. Genevieve A. Gordon, of Chicago, all alleged that the cause was the administration of poison—drugs, ten grains of morphine or atropine, or morphine and atropine together, or by some poison unknown to the jury. For ten minutes the woman stood lightly clutching the rail while the clerk read the indictment charging her with the murder of Mrs. Gibbs. At length Miss Toppin's counsel spared her further agony by waiving the reading, and all that remained was for her to plead. Three times she was asked if she was guilty of murder, and three times she replied in a low voice, "Not guilty." After the woman had entered her plea her counsel asked that the State appoint counsel for her, and Chief Justice Mason, who presided, said that he would take the matter under advisement. Miss Toppin was then led away to her cell, where she will remain until some time early next spring, when she will be given trial by jury.

Health and Beauty.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood. Pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. DeWitt's Little Early Bitters are most famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels, but make no griping, cramping or distress. Safe pills. For sale by R. B. Leachester & Sons.

THE WESTMORELAND TRAGEDY.

It seems that the whereabouts of Herbert Marx, the central figure in the recent shooting affray in Westmoreland county, was still unknown to his family and friends yesterday afternoon. William B. Marx, a brother of Herbert who is in New York, stated that the family had received no late word, either from his brother or from A. E. Blackmar, the lawyer who had gone South on account of the affair. The family thought probably that Herbert Marx would return to the North by water. The last heard from young Marx was Thursday when a telegram was received from him, saying that he was on his way to Fredericksburg.

The tragedy is still the leading topic throughout the Northern Neck of Virginia, where all the parties concerned are well and favorably known. It is now stated, on the very best authority, that Herbert Marx did not make improper advances to Miss Rose Taylor. The Taylor family physician says she denied in his presence in the most emphatic terms that Mr. Marx had treated her in an insulting manner, and that the report to the contrary was without the slightest foundation.

A prominent man from the neighborhood of Oak Grove, who was a member of the coroner's jury which investigated the shooting, has made the following statement: "Marx denied that he made any improper advances to the young lady. He admitted that he did put his arms around her and kissed her. He said that he was very fond of her, and looked upon her as a mere school girl."

Since the night of the tragedy a bag of straw, in which was a bottle of coal oil, was found in Marx's yard, and a short distance away, where one of the buggies was tied on the night of the shooting, rage saturated in coal oil were found.

Public sentiment at one time was very strong against Marx, but it is now rapidly growing in his favor and nearly every one condemns the hasty action of the assailing party. Had it not been for the fact that he had been shot by one of his own party.

The remains of W. P. Taylor, Jr., one of the victims of the shooting, was buried in the cemetery of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, at Oak Grove, yesterday afternoon. The remains of William Hedio were buried at his home near King George Courthouse this afternoon. B. A. Douglas, one of the party who went to Marx's home the night of the tragedy, was hailed for wife-beating a few years ago. He was in jail for some days, when two prominent citizens went on his bond, with the understanding he would leave the county for twelve months, or until the expiration of the peace bond. His wife and children reside in Richmond county.

There was some talk in Westmoreland yesterday about lynching Bird, the negro who stated that he saw Marx attempt to kiss Miss Taylor, but no effort was made to carry it out, and except over the case has somewhat subsided.

The surgeons at the Emergency Hospital in Washington held a consultation yesterday morning, and decided that it would be useless to attempt to perform an operation upon James Q. Stiff, and they have notified relatives of the injured man that there is no hope of saving his life.

When Stiff was brought to the hospital Wednesday evening the surgeons made a preliminary examination, and decided that there was some hope for the young man. He had been shot through the neck from the front, the bullet entering at the left of the trachea, missing the principal veins and arteries and passing into the heavy muscles at the back of the neck, after glancing off the spinal column. The spinal cord was not touched, but the seventh cervical vertebrae caused a depression affecting the cord and causing a paralytic condition. The vertebrae were not fractured, nor were they splintered so far as can be determined. His body was paralyzed and he is perfectly helpless, except for the power to move his head. The bullet will not be removed. Its presence in the muscles of the neck gives the patient no pain whatever. The surgeons stated last night that Stiff may live in his present condition for a month or more, and it is possible that he may die suddenly within the next few days.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—Three hundred and sixty feet sheer down into the foaming torrent that forces its way through the sharp-cut canyon of the Fraser, near the town of Lytton, B. C., was the plunge taken yesterday morning by a Canadian Pacific westbound freight. The track had been buried by a sudden slide, and in the dark hour that precedes the dawn the train had headed straight into the chasm at a point where a safe track had been not many minutes before. Happily, though remarkably, the train was broken in its plunge, the latter portion remaining on the rails pinned by still falling debris, pinching the mid-section in a narrow cut, and thus conductor and brakeman saved their lives.

The engineer and fireman met in instant death, falling with their locomotive into the gulf that swallowed up the fore part of the train. The ill-fated train was an extra freight. The accident occurred at the western part of the mountain section, where the trains crawl, fly-like, along the frowning precipitous cliffs.

Just below Lytton, where the catastrophe occurred, the canyon widens slightly to admit the Fraser's male tributary—the Twanney—coming from the north between the great mountain ranges, the place being locally known as the "Devil's Playground." Here it was that the locomotive, hitting the mass of rock, shot over into the chasm, carrying with it the five foremost cars. Thousands of tons of steel and heavy timber disappeared in a twinkling. The brakeman had walked back to the caboose from the engine, but ten minutes previous, and with the conductor was saved by the still tumbling rock nipping the train in mid-section.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

The Bonine Trial.
Washington, Dec. 7.—When the proceedings were resumed in the Bonine case this morning, Attorney Douglas stated that he desired to withdraw for the time being the question that was under consideration when court adjourned yesterday, and to proceed with the examination of Dr. Carr along different lines. Witnesses were asked if he had made any measurements of Mrs. Bonine, and he replied that he had and recited the result of a large number of measurements. Dr. Carr was asked: "From the description of the hip wound received by Ayres, can you tell the distance from the point of the wound to the bottom of the foot?" Mr. Gould objected, but the question was admitted and Dr. Carr gave as his opinion that the distance was about thirty-eight inches.

A long controversy ensued when Mr. Douglas put to Dr. Carr, a question intended to prove the fallacy of the government's contention that the wounds of Ayres were inflicted without a struggle. The question was: "What would be the height of the muzzle of the weapon from the floor if the party receiving the wound in the hip was in a standing or walking position?"

Dr. Carr had, prior to the question, stated that he could tell by practice, means the height within one inch of the muzzle of the pistol from the floor. He knew the height of the person receiving the wound. The government objected to the question of the defense on the ground that a difference of an inch would make a decided difference in the angle of the wound. The argument of Mr. Douglas in reply to this objection was drawn to great length and Justice Anderson excused the jury during it. Mr. Gould making a facetious remark to the effect that he wished he, too, might be excused.

Mrs. Bonine, under the strain of six months' imprisonment and long discussion of her attorney regarding the admissibility of the evidence of Dr. Carr, sat seemingly as unmoved as during the opening days of the trial. Her hands are generally clasped, holding a kerchief and a pair of gloves, the only thing approaching emotion being a slight quiver between the eyes. At the words of the District Attorney that the jury would be expected to apply the theory of murder to the facts if the government proved its contention, Mrs. Bonine did not change her expression in the least. Mr. Gould had not finished his reply to Mr. Douglas's argument on the question at issue when the court took the noon day recess.

Owing to the extended length of the argument resulting from the question, only by the defense of Dr. Carr, the jury finally retired until Monday morning. This discussion may continue the case a day longer, and it may be Wednesday or Thursday of next week before the closing arguments are made to the jury.

Foreign News.

Belgrade, Serbia, Dec. 7.—King Alexander has banished from Serbia his uncle, Col. Constantinovich, who is considered the heir presumptive to the throne. Constantinovich was banished for inciting Queen Draga.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The Kaiser has become alarmed at the rapid growth of the socialist party due to the hard times, and the number of unemployed, and some scheme of public works with a view to relieving the distress will probably be inaugurated shortly.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The friends of Captain Dreyfus are severely condemning Maitre Labori for the articles which he has lately published regarding the trial of the captain, and those connected with it. They say Labori is anxious to be elected to the Chamber of Deputies, and is trying to curry favor with the anti-Dreyfusites. They also state that Dreyfus's counsel was given an ample for his services at Rennes, and has no cause for complaint.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—The reported death of Major Van Tets, the young nobleman who recently fought a duel with Prince Henry, husband of Queen Wilhelmina, has increased the feeling of resentment against the Prince Consort. The attempts of the Queen's mother and Kaiser Wilhelm to reconcile Wilhelmina and the prince consort is generally believed, will not prove successful. In the end a royal divorce seems sure.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—In the Reichstag today Deputy Baron Wagenein, the president of the Agrarian Union, declared that if the government does not adopt the Agrarian's high tariff, the conservatives will leave the Reichstag. The effect of such action on the part of the conservatives, Herr Wagenein said, would be that the Kaiser would have to make a German policy with the aid of the socialists and progressives.

Calcutta, Dec. 7.—Seven Mahomedan villages have been burned by the British. The British losses were 10 killed and 15 wounded.

A Discharged Employee's Threat.

New York, Dec. 7.—Samuel B. Lambdin, a telegraph operator is in jail charged with sending threatening letters to George J. Gould and other officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Many of the letters were decorated with rudeness drawings of skulls and cross bones, and all were bedeviled. Here is a sample of the letters: "Sir: Some time ago we wrote you to either resign or be assassinated by us. You have ignored our demands. You have therefore sealed your own doom. Prepare to meet your God. By order of the 'ANARCHIST SOCIETY.'"

Lambdin was recently discharged from the employ of the telegraph company.

Fatal Train Collision.

Little Falls, N. Y., Dec. 7.—One man was killed as a result of a collision at nine o'clock this morning of a work train and a freight on the New York Central Railroad two miles west of Herkimer. The construction train was running from Utica to Herkimer to clear up a wreck. The west bound freight crossed over to the westbound freight track. The crew of the work train were evidently unaware of the presence of the freight and the two came together with a crash.

Robert Roberts, aged 78 years, and Sarah, his wife, aged 70 years, were found dead this morning at Wilmington, Del., having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas.

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Will Pay for Their Fun.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 7.—The College boys of Case and Western Reserve who have been terrorizing the town will be required to pay the costs. Prof. Fuller called the boys in yesterday and told them to raise \$150 before Monday noon to pay for the damage they had done or they could leave the college in disgrace. President Staley, of Case, called his boys together and told them to raise \$700 to pay for damages to Western Reserve and to get the money before Monday noon. The damage done was the result of driving a horse and wagon on the stone steps of Western Reserve main hall and thus ruining the steps. The boys are now making a tremendous bustle with little prospect of finding the funds.

Jealousy Prompted the Act.

Salem, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Miss Maude Mayfield was arrested Thursday and a hearing yesterday was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum. Her friends rallied to her support and declare they will force a thorough investigation. Miss Mayfield has issued a statement in which she says Miss May Stephenson was angry because Harry Raynor had ceased paying his attention to her and had transferred his attentions to the prisoner. Miss Stephenson is alleged, threatened to kill Miss Mayfield last week, but later the jealousy took the form of an attempt to deprive her rival of her liberty by the prosecution of a lunacy charge.

The Six Day Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 7.—"Young" Corbett, the light weight champion, will fire a pistol at midnight to-morrow night at the Madison Square Garden and the six days bicycle race will begin. Not since last week's bicycle race was introduced has a contest looked such an open affair at the start, as the coming six days tussle. All the riders from across the Atlantic have been several weeks training for the event. The Americans who have all been training throughout the country report themselves in perfect trim for the contest.

Banking House Robbed.

Delta, Ohio, Dec. 7.—The Archibald Banking Company's office, of Archibald, was entered by burglars early this morning and about \$2,000 in cash was taken. John Hoffmeyer, a resident who happened to pass while the robbery was in progress, was shot in the jaw but not seriously hurt. After gathering every thing of value in sight the robbers, three in number, stole a horse and departed. The Sheriff is in not pursuit.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The business failures for the week number 327, as against 189 last week.

The consolidation of all furniture factories in the country is proposed by the Middle States' Furniture Association.

The Gathmann gun was condemned as practically valueless by the board which recently conducted tests at Sandy Hook.

Mr. Wm. Page Meade, son of F. K. Meade, of Clarke county, has received the appointment from the Seventh Congressional district to the United States Military Academy at West Point. The appointment was made by Congressman Hay.

Amos Rusie, once famous as the greatest ball pitcher in the world, is now at work as a day laborer on the pipe line being laid by the water works company at Muncie, Ind., at a salary of \$1.50 per day. His fall is attributed to one bad habit.

Walter Cavanaugh, of Kansas City, Mo., who forced his sweetheart, Daisy Wheeler, a 17-year-old girl, to steal \$1,200 pension money from her widowed mother and flee with him to Chicago, was found guilty yesterday and given a five years' penitentiary sentence.

Resolutions were introduced in the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Scranton, Pa., yesterday, asking workers to refuse for independent political action in a party having or its object the overthrow of the capitalist system of production, and also providing for a general defense fund by levying a tax of two cents a month on every Federation man.

Senator Depew has anticipated his marriage in the Congressional Directory of the present session, where his autobiography contains, near the end, a bit of advance news written in the past tense: "Married, in December, 1901, to Miss May Palmer." The Senator evidently expected the book to appear somewhere about Christmas time, instead of at the very beginning of the month.

Rear Admiral Sampson, who was commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet during the Spanish war, but who did not participate in the engagement that destroyed the Carver's fleet, has drawn from the government the sum of \$25,797.44. He expects \$10,000 or \$12,000 more when the Maria Teresa case is settled. Rear Admiral Schley, in command in the Santiago engagement, has drawn \$149.53. He has \$3,334 bounty money coming to him.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVES.

Smallpox is hanging on tenaciously in Boston. A special bulletin of the Board of Health, shows 6 new cases for the past 24 hours.

The trolley strike which has existed in Reading, Pa., since October 1st, was officially declared off today. It was a failure from the start.

Moses G. Ginnrich, of Lebanon county, Pa., drowned himself this morning in his mill race. He made an assignment on Tuesday. He leaves a widow and child.

The jury in the case of Mary Wright, the colored servant accused of the murder of Mrs. Sarah Haggensbotham, at Philadelphia found a verdict of not guilty this morning. Mrs. Haggensbotham was almost 74 years old when she was killed. She was found early in the afternoon of June 4 last lying with her head crushed at the entrance to her sleeping room in the apartments on Chestnut street.

Bert Fiegle, of Westville, Ind., is reported to be in a critical condition as the result of an uncontrollable spell of laughing with which he has become afflicted yesterday. The doctors say that his long continued paroxysms of mirth tore the membrane from his ribs causing internal complications, which are likely to prove fatal. His sufferings are intense.

Two Italian laborers were killed and two nearly asphyxiated by gas in the Star hotel in Harlem, New York, early this morning. The Italians were sleeping in one room and it is supposed they either blew out the gas or failed to completely turn it off.

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Advantages in
Early Buying

(And before 10 o'clock is the best time of the day) Stocks are at their best; assortments are unbroken; you avoid the crowds; get prompt and better attention and have leisure to examine the many different sorts of goods and to make more deliberate and careful selections. Toys, Dolls, Games, and all sorts of playthings for the amusement and instruction of the children. It's a Christmas Store all over—ready for frequent visits of the children and grown up folks. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

There's a special demonstration of Friction Toys—Toys that run easy, are simple to operate, and quite inexpensive—\$1 each.

Our Christmas
Toyland.

A more than half-acre Toy Store on the fourth floor, with high ceilings, broad aisles, rows of toys, dolls, games, through ventilation and reached by six elevators. Parents will find here everything necessary to complete the happiness of their little ones on Christmas Day.

Never before has been gathered to this store so large a company of